

Commissioners. I have been a licensed Radio Amateur for 37 years. I have never seen the level of cooperation and interdependance that has been forged between our local Amateur Radio Community here and local emergency services and government. Since September 11, 2001, members of the Tampa Amateur Radio Club TARC, have built, and now field regularly for live training, portable emergency powered HF communications packages that are included in our local government's homeland security plan. Our members are trained emergency communicators, and have been receiving training from county and state officials in the erection and operation of the state's trailer towers and MAC systems. We are proud to be a part of our community's disaster plan, but we are very concerned that our work will soon be foreclosed.

Commissioners, interference from the proposed use of PBL can only doom our disaster communications capabilities. I appeal to you to not risk this important support for our first responders.

Please do not allow the utilities to propagate pollution of the air waves. I urge you to please vote to stop the use of power lines as proposed.

Sincerely,

Warren C. Elly